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First named inventor: Michael F. Vidolin

Application No.: 09/064,973

Art Unit: 3677

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Examiner: William L. Miller

Title: FRIENDSHIP BAND WITH EXCHANGEABLE CLOSED LOOP MEMBERS

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